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STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
November 18, 2002

The Arizona State Board of Education held a regular meeting at the Arizona Department of Education, 1535 West Jefferson, Phoenix, Arizona. The meeting began at approximately 9:00 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Frank Alvarez, President
Dr. Wade McLean, Vice President
Jaime A. Molera, Executive Officer
(left after business reports)
Catherine Kasper
Nadine Mathis Basha
Dr. Matthew A. Diethelm
Evangelina Conkie Hoover
Linda Arzoumanian

MEMBERS ABSENT

Dr. Peter Likins

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

BUSINESS REPORTS

President Alvarez reported. This was his last official Board meeting, he thanked the members and the staff for all their work and support.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Molera thanked Mr. Alvarez and commented on Mr. Alvarez' accomplishments in the past year and a half. This meeting was Superintendent Molera's final meeting as Superintendent of Public Instruction. He thanked the Board, staff, teachers, administration, parents and children. He then presented Frank Alvarez with an achievement award.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Both Ms. Basha and Dr. Arzoumanian discussed the Early Childhood Academy. They mentioned that it worked hand in hand with No Child Left Behind and Arizona appeared to be making great progress.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

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Christy Farley reported that the House of Representatives is going to caucus to discuss the budget for a special session. She also mentioned that the Department is working together with the State Board to determine how to absorb the budget cuts. Ms. Farley reported that legislation is being drafted to improve administrative functions with the Board and she asked the Board for suggestions. She mentioned that the AZ LEARNS time frames are currently being worked out and the education community will be making suggestions to the Board by the end of the year to be introduced in January. Ms. Farley also briefly discussed the TAPBI Report which was submitted to the Legislature, the 2003 Calendar of Board meetings available on the web, the Emergency Vocational Education Rules were pending approval by the AG, Teacher Certification discussions are continuing and she is working to schedule a meeting with the deans of the Universities in January as well as a meeting with the House and Senate Education Committees in January. She reviewed the appeals process for alternative school designations and pending no objections (none raised) staff would implement with no future action by the Board. Finally she mentioned that the agenda items are now available on the website.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

PUBLIC COMMENTS

President Alvarez asked if there was anyone who wished to address the Board at this time. Dr. Pryne of Continental School District discussed the 2002 achievement profiles. She

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mentioned that she would like an appeals process available. Mr. Alvarez asked if work on these types of issues has been addressed. Dr. McLean recommended forming a sub-committee before Spring testing. Ms. Farley stated that there was a process in place at the staff level during this first profile application but that an AZ LEARNS sub-committee could be assigned to work on these types of issues. Dr. McLean recommended forming the committee before Spring testing.

CONSENT ITEMS

Mr. Alvarez introduced the items. After discussion, Dr. McLean made the motion that the Board approve all the Consent Items with exception to agenda item D, to be moved to general session. Dr. Diethelm seconded the motion and the motion carried 7-0. (Likins absent, Molera absent).

Consideration to Approve Contract Abstracts.

CONTRACT ABSTRACTS

Consideration to Approve Intergovernmental Agreements

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENTS

Consideration to Accept the Disposition the Letter of Censure: Case # C-00-96 Michael D. Epperson and the Revocation of Teaching Credentials: Case # C-01-122 Russel Peloquin.

CERTIFICATION CASES: EPPERSON AND PELOQUIN

Consideration to Approve an Amendment to the Kachina Country Day Charter School Contract to reduce the Number of Instructional Days

APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT TO KACHINA COUNTRY DAY CHARTER SCHOOL CONTRACT

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Consideration to approve the Bidding Threshold for School Districts Pursuant to A.R.S. §15-213 for FY 2002-2003 at \$32,313

APPROVAL OF BIDDING
THRESHOLD UNDER A.R.S. §15-213
AT \$32,313

Consideration to Approve Blue Elementary School District's Request to Offer High School Instruction.

APPROVAL OF BLUE
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
DISTRICT'S REQUEST TO OFFER
HIGH SCHOOL INSTRUCTION

GENERAL SESSION

Consideration to Withhold 10% of State Aid from the Following Schools for Noncompliance with State law for failure to Submit their Annual Financial Report: C.I. Wilson Academy, Davis Education Center, DINE Southwest High School, Dragonfleye Charter School, Pima Vocational High School, C.I. Wilson Academy II, Phoenix College Preparatory High School, South Mountain College Preparatory high School. Dr. McLean made a motion to withhold 10% of State Aid from the districts listed, with the exception of Davis Education Center, Dragonfleye Charter School and Pima Vocational High School. Ms. Basha seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.
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CONSIDERATION TO WITHHOLD
10% OF STATE AID

MOTION

Mr. Alvarez introduced the item and Dr. Palmer presented the Board with information regarding the consideration to grant conditional two-year approval for the Western Governor's University and Capella University Teacher and Administrator Preparation Programs. Dr. McLean made the motion to grant the conditional approval and Dr. Diethelm seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

TWO-YEAR APPROVAL FOR THE
WESTERN GOVERNOR'S
UNIVERSITY AND CAPELLA
UNIVERSITY TEACHER AND
ADMINISTRATOR PREPARATION
PROGRAMS

MOTION

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Mr. Alvarez introduced the item and Ms. Stevens discussed the possible consideration to approve the Notice of Supplemental Proposed Rulemaking for R7-2-306 regarding English Language Learner Programs. Lynne Adams, Esq. Presented the board with a verbal timeline of what needs to happen with the rules. No Action was taken

R7-2-306,
ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS

NO ACTION

There were several public comments in regards to this item:

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Gabaldon with Tucson Unified School commented that he believes in the ELL process and would like to see it move more quickly and keep the standards high.

Ms. Mason, Director for the ELL programs in Phoenix Union High School District mentioned that the issues that were brought up were not reflected in the Board rules and believed that comments were not taken into consideration.

Tim Hogan, Esq. with the Arizona Center for Law in the Public Interest, commented that it has now two years and nothing has been done. He would like to see final action made. He is giving the Board until January and he will then go to court to force the orders. He asked for a draft of R7-2-306.

Mr. Alvarez introduced the item and Mr. Romero discussed the consideration to approve Notice of Emergency Rule Continuation for R7-2-606 and R7-2-614, regarding Administrator Certification. Dr. McLean made the motion to approve the Notice and find that an emergency situation still exists. Ms. Basha seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

APPROVAL OF NOTICE OF
EMERGENCY RULE
CONTINUATION FOR RULES R7-2-
606 AND R7-2-614

MOTION

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Mr. Alvarez introduced the item and Ms. Farley discussed the consideration to approve policies related to Charter Schools not in Compliance with Federal and State laws or the requirements of their charter. Dr. McLean made a motion to approve the policy withholding funds for noncompliance, scheduling a charter review and evaluation if the charter school has not returned to compliance within six-months and considering initiating a 90-day intent to revoke. Ms. Basha seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Alvarez introduced the item. Dr. Garcia and Dr. Carriveau presented the discussion on the Articulation of the Arizona Academic Standards in grades K-10. Several members of this committee spoke about how it will impact students and expressed their pride in accomplishing the standards in a short period of time. There was no action taken.

Public Comment:
Tom Hoopingarner from Sunnyside Unified School District commented on this item with concerns related to the math standards.

Mr. Alvarez introduced the item. Ms. Mancuso presented and discussed Reading First and Ms. Farley presented the RFGA for Arizona Reads, which is expected to go out at the end of the week. There was no action taken.

CHARTER SCHOOL
NONCOMPLIANCE WITH FEDERAL
AND STATE LAWS

MOTION

PRESENTATION ON THE
ARTICULATION OF THE ARIZONA
ACADEMIC STANDARDS

NO ACTION TAKEN

PUBLIC COMMENT

READING FIRST AND ARIZONA
READS

NO ACTION TAKEN

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The minutes were removed from the agenda until January.

ADJOURN

Mr. Alvarez adjourned the meeting at approximately 1:30 pm.

